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The awarded contract is expected to create 10 or more new jobs in Iberia Parish. Metal Shark, which employs more than 60 people, supplies patrol boats to the U.S. Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

"When I visited Metal Shark's shipyard recently, I was impressed with their facility, technology, and strong work ethic," said Rep. Melancon. "Family-owned small businesses like Metal Shark represent Louisiana's entrepreneurial spirit, and I congratulate them on winning this significant contract from the Coast Guard."

"As a Congressman, I have worked to support economic growth in south Louisiana, and I welcome the opportunity to help growing small businesses like Metal Shark pursue federal contracts. This contract will create good-paying jobs for Louisianians, while helping a small, family-owned business expand its operations, and I am pleased to announce it."

Christopher Allard, president of Metal Shark Boats, said, "This contract continues Metal Shark's remarkable growth path and solidification as one of the premier builders of homeland security, law enforcement and military craft. The USCG contract, our third, showcases the innovative designs Metal Shark continues to bring to market. With the assistance of Louisiana Economic Development Group, this contract will result in more than 10 jobs being created."

After touring Metal Shark's facilities this past April and meeting with their employees, Rep. Melancon wrote a letter of support for the company to the U.S. Department of Transportation, highlighting Metal Shark's work in Louisiana and for the armed forces.

Rep. Melancon's [congressional website](#) provides more information on how small businesses in Louisiana can work to secure contracts with the federal government.

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